



Proclamation

WHEREAS, St. Francis Convent School was founded in 1924, honoring the work of Hawai'i's second saint, Mother Marianne Cope, who dedicated her life to the care of those with Hansen's Disease who were exiled to Kalaupapa, Moloka'i; and

WHEREAS, in 1927, the school's mission changed to educating young women who, after graduation, would enter the school of nursing at St. Francis Hospital; the curriculum grew from a pre-nursing syllabus to include a business program and a college prep program; and in the 1970s, the business studies were terminated and St. Francis became a college prep school; and

WHEREAS, nestled in O'ahu's beautiful Mānoa Valley, the 11-acre campus has evolved into a coeducational college preparatory day school, serving students from age 2 through 12th grade, offering one of the lowest private school tuitions in Hawai'i, and providing tuition assistance to 60 percent of its students; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities, the school embraces the Catholic philosophy that each individual is unique, created by God, for God, and in this spirit, St. Francis School develops the whole child: mind, body and spirit; and

WHEREAS, the school's highly educated and caring faculty, teacher-student ratio, academically sound curriculum, strong campus ministry program, and warm and welcoming ohana have made St. Francis School one of Hawai'i's top private institutions of learning; and

WHEREAS, St. Francis School alumni are dynamic individuals who have attended some of the finest private and public universities and colleges across the United States and around the world, and are celebrated scholars, artists, athletes, and thoughtful leaders in a variety of fields, including the arts, business, engineering, medicine, law, and military service; and

WHEREAS, St. Francis School has been a pillar of O'ahu's educational community for nearly a century, but escalating costs and declining enrollment led to the decision, announced in February, to close the school at the end of May 2019,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KIRK CALDWELL, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim May 2019 to be

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL MONTH

in recognition of St. Francis School's 95 years of service to the families of Hawai'i, and to offer thanks and support to the St. Francis School students, teachers and alumni as they gather to observe the final days of their beloved school.



Done this 23rd day of May, 2019,
in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Caldwell", is located below the text.

KIRK CALDWELL